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REF: A) NICOSIA 1811 B) STATE 119320 C) NICOSIA 1659

, BASED ON DISCUSSION BY ALL CONCERNED BUREAUS, DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO BELIEVE (REFTEL B) THAT WE SHOULD NOT PROCEED WITH OPTION C WITHOUT FIRST HAVING FURTHER PERSONAL DISCUSSION BETWEEN AMBASSADOR AND DENKTASH. IT IS NOT CLEAR FROM REFTEL A THAT THIS HAS TAKEN PLACE.

2. ANY PROGRAM WE NOW UNDERTAKE WOULD BE FOR SPRING RATHER THAN FALL SEMESTER. THUS, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE PROGRAM IS SO URGENT AS TO FIND NOW THAT "REASONABLE PERIOD" OF WAITING SUGGESTED BY US SHOULD BE CONSIDERED LAPSED WITHOUT ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH DENKTASH. WE DO NOT NECESSARILY WANT TO PUSH TURKISH-CYPRIOI COMMUNITY INTO "FORMAL" WRITTEN REPLY. ON OTHER HAND, WE WANT TO ENSURE THAT TURKISH-CYPRIOI FAILURE TO RESPOND TO DATE NOT SIMPLY RESULT OF DENKTASH'S NOT FOCUSING ON PROGRAM AND NOT PUSHING BUREAUCRACY TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON HIS EARLIER INSTRUCTIONS.

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3. IN ANY CASE, IF WE ULTIMATELY MUST RESORT TO OPTION C (NICOSIA 1659) -- AND WE WOULD DO SO ONLY AFTER DEPARTMENT HAS HAD OPPORTUNITY TO EVALUATE RESULTS OF AMBASSADOR'S DISCUSSION WITH DENKTASH -- WE BELIEVE IT NECESSARY TO INFORM TURKISH-CYPRIOI LEADERSHIP BEFORE THE FACT, RATHER THAN WAIT TO BE QUERIED. KISSINGER

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